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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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### Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons

- 1  Claims Nos  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely
  
- 2  Claims Nos  
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically
  
- 3  Claims Nos  
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 64(a)

### Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows

see additional sheet

- 1  As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims
  
- 2  As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee
  
- 3  As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos
  
- 4  No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims, it is covered by claims Nos

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The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest

I No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-32, 34

A double stranded short interfering nucleic acid (siNA) directing cleavage of a G protein coupled receptor for asthma susceptibility (GPRA) as described in claim 1.

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2. claims: 33, 35 (part)

A double stranded short interfering nucleic acid (siNA) directing cleavage of a G protein coupled receptor for asthma susceptibility (GPRA) as described in claim 1 wherein said siNA comprises any of SEQ ID NOS: 1-34, 88-121.

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3. claims: 33, 35 (part)

A double stranded short interfering nucleic acid (siNA) directing cleavage of a G protein coupled receptor for asthma susceptibility (GPRA) as described in claim 1 wherein said siNA comprises any of SEQ ID NOS: 35-68, 122-155.

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4. claims: 33, 35 (part)

A double stranded short interfering nucleic acid (siNA) directing cleavage of a G protein coupled receptor for asthma susceptibility (GPRA) as described in claim 1 wherein said siNA comprises any of SEQ ID NOS: 69-87, 156-174, 175-202.

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5. claims: 33, 35 (part)

A double stranded short interfering nucleic acid (siNA) directing cleavage of a G protein coupled receptor for asthma susceptibility (GPRA) as described in claim 1 wherein said siNA comprises any of SEQ ID NOS: 581-588, 597-692.

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6. claims: 33, 35 (part)

A double stranded short interfering nucleic acid (siNA) directing cleavage of an asthma associated alternatively spliced gene 1 (AAAl) wherein said siNA comprises any of SEQ ID NOS: 203-221, 222-240, 241-258, 281-298.

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7. claims: 33, 35 (part)

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

A double stranded short interfering nucleic acid (siNA) directing cleavage of an asthma associated alternatively spliced gene 1 (AAAl) wherein said siNA comprises any of SEQ ID NOS: 259-280, 299-320, 321-335, 359-373.

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8. claims: 33, 35 (part)

A double stranded short interfering nucleic acid (siNA) directing cleavage of an asthma associated alternatively spliced gene 1 (AAAl) wherein said siNA comprises any of SEQ ID NOS: 336-358, 374-396, 397-411, 426-440.

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9. claims: 33, 35 (part )

A double stranded short interfering nucleic acid (siNA) directing cleavage of an asthma associated alternatively spliced gene 1 (AAAl) wherein said siNA comprises any of SEQ ID NOS: 412-425, 441-454, 455-477, 497-519.

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10. claims: 33, 35 (part)

A double stranded short interfering nucleic acid (siNA) directing cleavage of an asthma associated alternatively spliced gene 1 (AAAl) wherein said siNA comprises any of SEQ ID NOS: 478-496, 520-538, 539-546, 547-554, 555-559, 560-564, 565-572, 573-580.

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11. claims: 33, 35 (part)

A double stranded short interfering nucleic acid (siNA) directing cleavage of a asthma associated alternatively spliced gene 1 (AAAl) wherein said siNA comprises any of SEQ ID NOS: 589-596, 693-806.

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